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Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Request for Approval of Contract for Electric Service with Mars Petcare US, Inc.
2009-481-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This is to acknowledge that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above referenced filing and has no objection to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Request for Approval of Contract for Electric Service with Mars Petcare US, Inc. Mars Petcare is a pet food manufacturing company in Richland County. The facility is contemplating an increase in production which may result in the creation of 24 new jobs. ORS believes the contract is beneficial to both companies and promotes economic development in the State of South Carolina.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


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